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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Commissioners:

As you consider the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile, we wanted to write to express our support and illustrate how new technology and new innovation would support our efforts as an organization devoted to creating a business environment that promotes access and increases opportunities for minority-owned businesses.

The Oklahoma Minority Supplier Development Council, (OMSDC) operates as a link between major corporations and minority businesses for the specific purpose of fostering greater utilization of minority businesses by the major corporations. Since 1976 the OMSDC has served as an avenue for increasing business opportunities and expanding capabilities for minority-owned businesses. These increased business opportunities promote growth and development, generate jobs and contribute to the tax base in support of an improved quality of life for all citizens, everyone wins.

Today the challenges are greater than ever before and we recognize that having the right people in place is only one piece of the puzzle; to succeed in the 21st century global economy, businesses must have the right tools and access to technology. We believe the AT&T T-Mobile merger represents a wonderful opportunity to expand broadband access and provide a boost to small businesses not just in Oklahoma, but across this nation. It is no secret that small business is one of the strongest drivers for the US economy. During these challenging economic times, it is more important than ever that minority business owners have greater broadband and wireless access.

Together AT&T and T-Mobile can ensure that businesses in rural areas have the same tools and advantages as those in larger, metropolitan areas. Combining the strengths of AT&T and T-Mobile will allow for new innovations that will create new opportunities and new jobs. We truly believe approving the merger AT&T and T-Mobile is a crucial step forward for the nation and for small business owners. We hope you will consider these ideas when you make your final decision.

Sincerely,

Debra Ponder-Nelson

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker